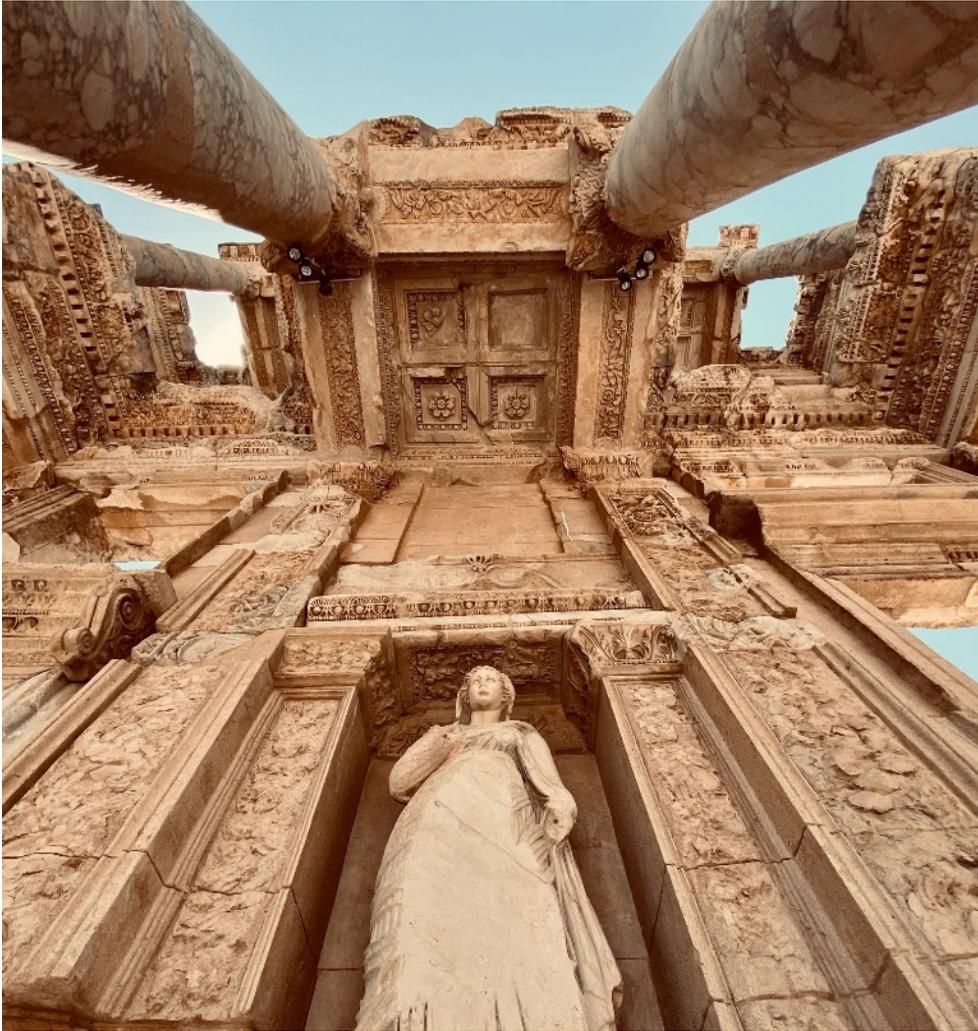




RESTORATION

ANGLICAN CHURCH



The Third Week of Eastertide
April 18, 2021

Library of Celsus
Detail of marble facade | Nazli Atabey (photographer)
Ephesus, Selçuk District, Turkey

Congregational portions of the liturgy **are in bold.**

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD

▲ SONG *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Helen Howarth Lemmel // CLI #11069486

▲ = please stand as you are able.

▼ = please be seated

O soul are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?

There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free

Turn you eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace

Through death into life everlasting he passed, and we follow him there

Over us sin no more hath dominion, for more than conquerors we are

Chorus

His word shall not fail you, he promised; believe him and all will be well

Then go to a world that is dying, his perfect salvation to tell

Chorus

EASTERTIDE

Eastertide, or the Easter Season, is a 50-day celebration of the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Because Jesus was raised from the dead, when we are united to Christ in faith, we too will be raised from the dead with perfected resurrection bodies when Christ comes again to make all things new.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

The colors of the Easter season are white or gold. White, the color of resurrection and rebirth; gold, the color of the kingly reign of Christ over all things.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
 All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
 Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
 Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
 Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
 Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
 Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
 If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him;
 Let the AMEN sound from his people again,
 Gladly forever adore him.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY – The Third Sunday of Eastertide

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

Almighty God, you gave your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and an example of godly living: Give us grace thankfully to receive his immeasurable benefits, and daily to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR CHILDREN

Almighty God, Heavenly Father, you have blessed our congregation with the joy and care of children: Give us courage, patience, and wisdom as we bring them up in the faith, that they might never know a day apart from you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
 Why does Easter last 50 days? It seems odd to our modern Western mentality to keep a celebration going that long *after* the important day has happened.

“Our culture knows how to anticipate an event, but we don't know how to sustain it.”
 – Ronald Rolheiser

WHAT'S A COLLECT?
 A collect (“COL-lect”) is a specific and carefully structured prayer for each Sunday and holy day of the church calendar, and it often syncs up with the season or the biblical event being celebrated.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

▼ THE LESSONS

The Old Testament Lesson *Isaiah 44:9-20*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Psalm 98*

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

2 The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together

9 before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world righteously, and the peoples fairly.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The New Testament Lesson *Acts 18:18 – 19:41*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel *John 7:32-39*

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ!

(after the Gospel is read)

The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, Lord Christ!**

The whole Bible tells one big story and points to one person, Jesus Christ. The pattern in the Anglican Church to read large portions of scripture aloud every week.

PSALMS

Psalms have been read, chanted, and sung since before the Israelites went into exile in 600 BC. Jesus himself would have sung or recited these same psalms during worship.

The word Gospel comes from the Greek word *euangelion*, which literally means "good news." It was a term used for messages from the king about the birth of a new heir, or a victory in battle.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The person appointed leads prayers at this time.

There is a pause after each petition, and people may add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**"

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Nicene Creed is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous theological debate, crafted at the city of Nicaea in 325, and refined at Constantinople in 381.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

The priest, acting as an ordained representative of Christ's church, pronounces God's forgiveness to all who are repentant and believe on Jesus Christ.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

▲ THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

THE PEACE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

THE TABLE OF THE LORD

THE OFFERTORY

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

SONG *Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners* John Wilbur Chapman / Rowland Prichard // CLI #11069486

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;

Friends may fail me, foes assail me; he, my savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! What a savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.

Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins.

Chorus

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,

Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Chorus

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in Him I find.

He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

Chorus

PEACE BE WITH YOU
Through Jesus, we
have perfect peace
with God and are
fully reconciled to
him. Jesus also said
that when we come
to worship, if we
remember we have
unresolved conflict
with someone, we
should go and
make peace with
them first. Thus,
before we come to
the Lord's Supper,
we confess our sins
to God, and make
peace with our
brothers and sisters.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Is the Father with us? **He is.**

Is Christ among us? **He is.**

Is the Spirit here? **He is.**

This is our God. **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

We are his people. **We are redeemed.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

SANCTUS

The Sanctus is the song that the seraphim sing forever in God's heavenly throne room (Isaiah 6, Revelation 4), eternally praising the perfection and "otherness" of God

ACCLAMATION OF FAITH

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Christ is alive forever! **We are because he is.**

We are one body. **We share one bread.**

Draw near with faith. **Christ is the host and we are his guests.**

Go on up to the mountain of mercy to the crimson perpetual tide
 Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more.
 Go under and be purified

Follow Christ to the holy mountain; sinner, sorry and wrecked by the fall
 Cleanse your heart and your soul in the fountain that flows
 For you and for me and for all

At the wonderful tragic mysterious tree

On that beautiful scandalous night you and me

Were atoned by his blood and forever washed white

On that beautiful scandalous night

On the hillside you will be delivered; at the foot of the cross, justified
 And your spirit restored by the river that pours
 From our blessed Savior's side

Chorus

Go on up to the mountain of mercy, to the crimson perpetual tide
 Kneel down on the shore, be thirsty no more
 Go under and be purified

Chorus

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by his own betrayed
 The sin of man and the wrath of God has been on Jesus laid

Silent as he stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned
 Bowing to the Father's will, he took a crown of thorns

Oh that rugged cross my salvation where your love poured out over me

Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah! Praise and honor unto thee!"

Sent of heaven, God's own son, to purchase and redeem
 And reconcile the very ones who nailed him to that tree

Chorus

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
 By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled
 Now the curse of sin has no hold on me

THE LORD'S SUPPER

By repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch and listen like it's a show, we enter into the story as we, too, take the bread and wine and eat and drink.

Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed (*repeat*)

See the stone is rolled away, behold the empty tomb
Hallelujah, God be praised, he's risen from the grave
Chorus

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

SONG

Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Wendell Kimbrough // CLI #11069486

Long in darkness Israel wandered; long in mortal shadows, we
Walked in bondage and self-pity, trod in paths of sin and grief.
In the prophets' words he told us, long the God of Israel spoke;
He alone in strength would save us from the hands of all our foes.

Every valley be exalted! Every mountain be made plane!

Crooked ways repent and straighten; all creation bend in praise!

He shall raise a mighty Savior; born of David's lineage, he
Comes in cov'nant love to claim us, from our sins to set us free.
Light to those who dwell in darkness, life to those from death who flee
Joy unto the earth, and gladness, to your pathways dawning peace!

CHORUS

Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior, David's Son and yet his King,
Dawning light of our salvation, of your saving pow'r we sing!
Stand, O lame, and dance ye broken, know the Savior's healing grace;
Come, O deaf and hear him singing; turn, O blind, behold his face!

CHORUS

THE BENEDICTION

All our problems, **we send to the cross of Christ.**

FOOD FOR THOUGHT
"All for whom Christ died also died in Christ. All who died in Christ rose again with Christ. This rising again with Christ is a rising to newness of life after the likeness of Christ's resurrection."
– John Murray

BENEDICTION

We have been blessed by being together. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, fed, and sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ.

All our difficulties, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All the devil's works, **we send to the cross of Christ.**
All our hopes, **we set on the risen Christ!**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you, and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

The corporate life of God's people is a rhythm of gathering and sending. We are gathered into God's presence, we are fed by his Word and his Table, and then we sent out into the world to be witnesses to, and instruments of, God's mission in his creation.

WHO WE ARE

We are a missional, communal, sacramental church, for the glory of God and the good of our city.

We are an Anglican church, a member of the Anglican Church in North America, a part of the largest Protestant denomination in the world. This means we have a flexible yet stable structure with transparent accountability and true partnership. We hold to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian). We affirm the 39 Articles of Religion of the Anglican Church, as well as the Jerusalem Statement of the Global Anglican Futures Conference.

We are part of the Diocese of Christ Our Hope, which was born out of the Rwandan Anglican Church. We have a gospel focus, a missional posture, a church planting mandate, and a heart for the cities and towns where God has planted us.

JOIN US

If you'd like to know more, please get in touch with us. If you're not already on our mailing list, let us know. Open the camera app on your phone and point it at this code to be taken to our website. If you scroll down on our front page, you'll find a contact form.



Worship: 110 W Beverley St, Staunton VA 24401
540-324-9250
Mail: PO Box 741, Staunton VA 24402
www.restorationstaunton.org

